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WELCOME

by Ashley Woolnough

The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter would like to welcome you to read our monthly newsletter, the Woofington Post.

We hope you find this newsletter fun, informative and enjoy reading about everything going on at the shelter. In this newsletter you will find: Happy Tails, Upcoming Events, Staff and Volunteer Spotlights, Norman's Nook, How YOU Can Help, Statistics for the Shelter, Opportunities to Volunteer, Operations Updates, Pets of the Month, and Recognition for Supporting the Shelter.

We hope you enjoy reading this as much as we have enjoyed putting it together!

*Remember: Give a Second Chance and Adopt,
Don't Shop!*

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 18th** - Texas Health Fun Run
- Jan. 22nd** - Volunteer Orientation
- Feb. 1st** - First Monday at Heritage Park and Volunteer Orientation
- Feb. 14th** - Valentine's Day, Give Back Night at Palio's Hudson Oaks
- Feb. 19th** - Volunteer Orientation
- Feb. 29th** - PetSmart National Adoption Weekend

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NORMAN'S NOOK

by Emily Laszczak

Dear Norman,

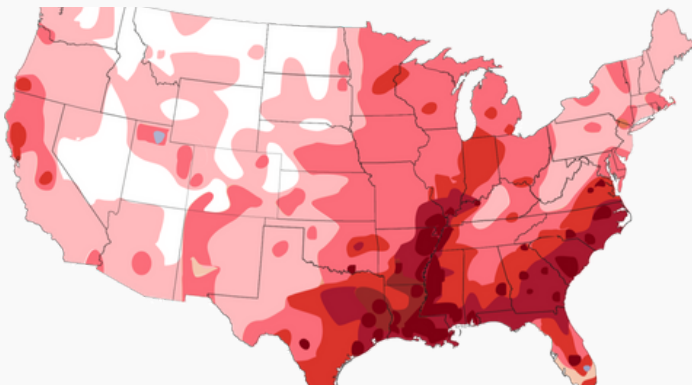
I recently got a new puppy and the vet recommended that we get him started on heartworm prevention. I've never owned a dog... exactly how important is it?

Sincerely,
Drowning in Puppy Kisses

Dear Drowning in Puppy Kisses,

Hi! Congrats on your new puppy! Heartworm disease is a potentially life-threatening condition caused by parasitic worms that can live in the heart and lungs of dogs, cats, and other mammals. As the name suggests, heartworms live in the heart and pulmonary vessels of an infected animal. Only mosquitoes spread heartworms. The consequences of heartworms can be life threatening, which is why it is so important to properly protect your pet from this disease. Fortunately, preventing heartworm disease can be as easy as giving your pet a monthly preventative - the key is just making sure you do it consistently. Although heartworm disease is treatable, the procedure can be costly, and your pet may need to be hospitalized. The risk of puppies getting heartworm disease is equal to that of adult pets. The American Heartworm Society recommends that puppies be started on a heartworm preventive as early as the product label allows, and no later than 8 weeks of age. Heartworms are easy to prevent - you just need to remember to test per your veterinarian's recommendations and give preventatives regularly.

Love, Norman



This 2016 graphic shows where Heartworm Disease is most common



Storm water, waste water, utilities and dirt work elevations have been completed. Foundation forms are now in place and construction of the ADA Ramp, stack walls and retaining walls are under way.

GIVING SECOND CHANCES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

by Ashley Woolnough

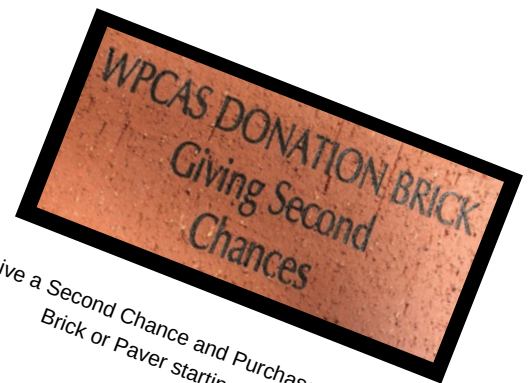
The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter's new medical/surgical building is currently underway! We are so excited to have this new building in progress and are anxiously awaiting its completion.

With the addition of this building, and the partnerships it brings to the shelter, we are looking forward to being able to provide more medical care for our animals. With the support of our community and the partnership with the Weatherford College, we are anticipating many accomplishments and improvements in the shelter's future! Hopes are to have the building substantially completed by April 2020!

Although the first phase of the campaign is under construction, there are still many opportunities to help! The shelter's next goal is to build an Outreach and Classroom Center that would be available for Weatherford College to use as a classroom while working at the shelter, as well as open up opportunities for the shelter to host industry leading continuing education courses and community classes to expand knowledge and practices at the shelter, as well as improve animal welfare and responsible pet ownership in Weatherford and Parker County. The goal to make this next step happen is to raise **\$250,000**. Once we have that goal reached, we will be able to begin construction on that project as well!



Digital sketch of what the building will look like.





HOW YOU CAN HELP

by Ashley Woolnough

We get asked quite often, "how can I help", which is one of our favorite questions to answer! There are so many ways that YOU can make a difference in our shelter, our community and for our pets!

One way that you can help is by VOLUNTEERING for the shelter. We take our volunteer program very seriously as it is what allows us to do the extras we get to do such as: get each adoptable dog out of their kennel each day for a walk, provide enrichment to our animals, help adopters find their purrfect match, and so much more! As the shelter, we want to be a fun place (not a sad place) for families to come to and enjoy as well as be a resource for our community when animal problems are encountered. By having a family of dedicated staff and volunteers, we are able to achieve so much more and help so many more. There are so many opportunities to volunteer, we are sure we have the right place for you!

Another way you can help is by donating. We accept monetary donations, as well as in-kind donations. All donations we receive help us to do more for our animals and our community. Our monetary donations go towards building new facilities to serve our animals and community better. Our Amazon Wish-List contains several items that help us to better serve our animals and provide fun things for them to do in their kennels to help pass the time until they find their furrever homes.

You will have happy tears and sad tears as a volunteer but the happy tears far outweigh the sad tears. Each person who volunteers at WPCAS contributes to the overall wellbeing of the animals and it is worth the time and effort to volunteer to help the animals in our community. It is hard work and takes dedication but the rewards both physically and mentally make it worth it.

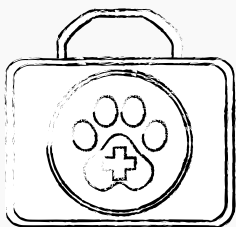
- GLINDOLYN, VOLUNTEER CUSTOMER CARE



HAPPY TAILS

by Emily Laszczak

Daisy first came into the shelter in September of 2019. When she first came in as a stray, she was absolutely terrified. It was clear that her previous life was tough. With hard work from some dedicated volunteers, she started warming up to people. After 39 days at the shelter, Daisy got adopted, and her new mom took her home. Slowly but surely, she started coming out of her box even more, and her real, goofy personality started to come out. Her new mom says that her favorite thing about Daisy is "loving and cuddly she is! She will follow me around just to cuddle and be by my side." She also goes on to say, "how silly she has become as she's broken out of her shell and shows me her cute personality more and more every day." She has finally found her "forever" home, and couldn't be happier!



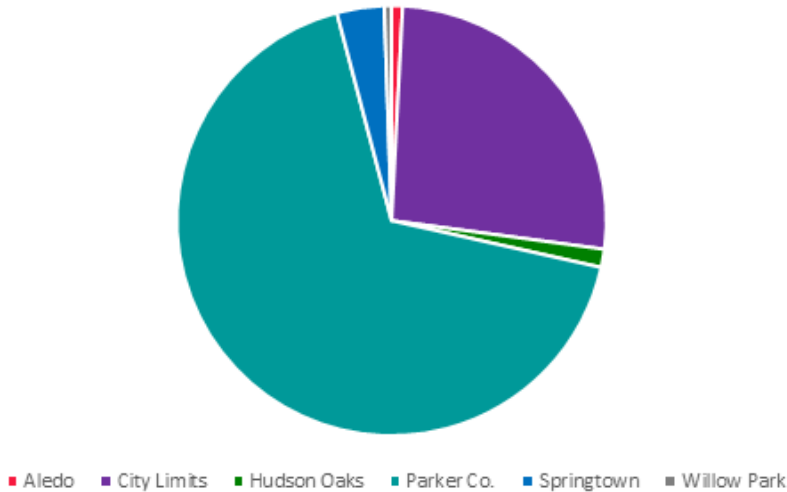
Vet Tip of the Month:

The most important thing to begin as soon as you get a new pet is an appropriate vaccination and parasite control program. The best place to get this care for your pet is with your family veterinarian.

- Dr. Glenn



Jurisdiction Intakes



OPERATIONS UPDATE

by Ashley Woolnough

The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter provided care for over 367 animals during the month of December, and over 1,500 animals so far this fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Dec. 31).

Currently we have seen 240 more animals than we did in 2018.

Of the intakes we had during December, 228 were strays and 50 were owner surrenders. The shelter currently is maintaining a 98% Live Release Rate, however, the winter time tends to be our slower time of year. Along with providing care for the animals we have seen, we have participated in several community events and have been running a \$10 adoption special in hopes of finding many animals wonderful homes for the holidays and the new year!

To continue our efforts in being the best shelter we can be, we are in need of dedicated and supportive volunteers to help us further our mission! We have several goals, such as providing enrichment and participating in more community education events that we would like to reach this year, however, we need extra hands on deck to help us get there! If you have ever thought of volunteering with the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter, now is the time! We would love for you to join our team and be a part of our success!

Volunteer Opportunities include:

*Animal Care,
Customer Care,
Communications &
Marketing,
Public Outreach, and
MORE!*



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Alice Beaty!

"Shelter life is animals being returned to their owners or getting a 2nd chance to be loved in a new home after having been loved and cared for by amazing people that work and volunteer at the shelter."

Miss Alice has been an asset to our shelter for over 6 years now. Her loving, smiling face is always so warm and welcoming to anyone she meets. Primarily she focuses on loving on the cats and walking the dogs at the shelter. Outside of the shelter, she volunteers at the school that she retired from, spends time sharing rescue and shelter animals on the internet, works on her online makeup business, learns with her church family, and especially loves to spend time with her husband, Mike, as well as their dogs, cat, and guinea pigs! Her favorite part about the shelter is seeing the animals get adopted into wonderful homes!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Chris Blount!

"I would say that the shelter life is an important and emotionally positive experience for anyone who cares about animals."



Chris has been an Animal Control Officer with the City of Weatherford for 5 years. His favorite part about working at the shelter is the animals, as well as the staff and volunteers. Outside of work, he loves spending time with his family, and staying fit! Chris is a favorite around the shelter. His humor and light hearted nature adds so much positivity to the shelter atmosphere, and makes any boring Monday so much better!

CAT OF THE MONTH

Meet Molly!

Molly is a gorgeous kitty who has been at the shelter since December 18th, 2019. She is a sweet girl who loves to be loved and deserves a great home to relax in!

DOG OF THE MONTH

Meet Houdini!

This 62 pound, adult Labrador mix sports a friendly, happy personality, dazzles with cover-worthy elegance. Houdini is heartworm positive and hopes to find a forever home where he can take it easy for a bit while he recovers.

Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter's adoption fees are \$100 for female dogs, \$90 for male dogs, and \$50 for cats. Each adoption includes their spay/neuter, core vaccinations, rabies, as well as a microchip. Please don't be sad if you find they have been adopted, there are many more here looking for their furever home and would love to be a part of your family!

RECOGNITION FOR SUPPORT

Thank you Mrs. McClure's 4th Grade Class!

We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. McClure's fourth grade class at Brock Intermediate School! They raised quite a bit of donations to benefit the shelter pets for Christmas and made a beautiful card for us! Thank you very much and our animals will benefit from your generosity.

